



Alcohol Importation Laws to be Enforced

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The Michigan State Police Niles Post and the Enforcement Unit of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission will once again be enforcing existing state laws regarding the importation of spirits and alcoholic liquor from the State of Indiana. In September of 2006, a similar operation revealed numerous violations of state law in regards to importation of alcohol and spirit liquor.

"Our intent is to educate as well as enforce liquor control laws of the State of Michigan by conducting these operations," stated Kurt Cox, Michigan Liquor Control Commission Enforcement Supervisor. The following laws specifically state what alcohol or spirits can be imported into the State of Michigan.

MCL 436.1203 (6): All spirits for sale, use, storage, or distribution in this state, shall originally be purchased by and imported into the state by the Commission, or by prior written authority of the Commission. (This means that no spirit liquor can be brought into the state without written permission by MLCC).

MCL 436.1203 (8): A person who is of legal age to purchase alcoholic liquor may do either of the following in relation to alcoholic liquor that contains less than 21% alcohol by volume. (This is referencing beer & wine.)

(a) Personally transport from another state, once in a 24-hour period, not more than 312 ounces of alcoholic liquor for that person's personal use, notwithstanding subsection (1). (Subsection 1 requires that person to be either licensed by the Commission or receive prior written order of the Commission giving permission to import the alcohol).

(b) Ship or import from state alcoholic liquor for that person's personal use so long as that personal importation is done in compliance with subsections (1).

Border enforcement operations will be conducted in the week preceeding Memorial Day weekend and periodically throughout the summer months. "Our goal publishing the laws and the enforcement operation is to gain voluntarily compliance with existing regulations," remarked F/Lt... Michael Brown, Niles Post Commander.

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